



POLICIES FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2003 ICC FAMILY OF CODES

- POLICY 1** The 2003 ICC model codes shall be the baseline of the new codes and will be adopted without technical amendments, except for specific provisions where a valid justification can be made.
- POLICY 2** The administrative provisions of the 2003 Supplement shall be the baseline of the administrative provisions of the new codes and will be readopted without amendments, except for specific provisions where a valid justification can be made.
- POLICY 3** Administrative provisions shall be deleted from all model codes, regardless of where they occur. When appropriate, such deleted administrative provisions shall be replicated in the appropriate Chapter 1.
- POLICY 4** Valid justifications for an amendment must be based on one of the following types of criteria:
- a. Inappropriate provision due to local conditions (climatic, physical, urban planning or economic)
 - b. Provision that hampers the economic development of the District without clearly contributing to the safety, health and welfare of the building occupants or population at large.
 - c. Provision that creates an economic hardship on the owner without a clear justification based on considerations of protection of safety, health and welfare of the building occupants or population at large.
 - d. Provision that is inconsistent or conflicting with District statute, regulation or policy.
- POLICY 5** Redundant construction-related provisions in the maintenance codes, already contained in another of the adopted model codes, shall be deleted from the maintenance-type codes, wherever they occur. For the purposes of this policy, the maintenance-type codes are the Fire Prevention Code and the Property Maintenance Code. When necessary, a reference to the provisions in the appropriate code may be added to the maintenance code.